



SARS-CoV-2 Infections; Treatment and Development of Vaccine

Guest Editors:

Dr. Yasunari Matsuzaka

Division of Molecular and Medical Genetics, Center for Gene and Cell Therapy, The Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8639, Japan

Dr. Ryu Yashiro

Department of Infectious Diseases, Kyorin University School of Medicine, 6-20-2 Shinkawa, Mitaka-shi, Tokyo 181-8611, Japan

Deadline for manuscript submissions:

20 October 2024

Message from the Guest Editors

The infectious disease (COVID-19) caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) is still raging through mutant strains all over the world. In order to deal with this unprecedented situation, therapeutic drugs and vaccines against COVID-19 are being commercialized faster than ever before. Along with changes in infectivity, transmissibility, antigenicity, and pathogenicity, the efficacy of current vaccines is also of concern in the emergence of mutant strains. Multiple vaccines of different types are currently licensed, including mRNA vaccines, viral vector vaccines, and recombinant protein vaccines. At present, the following factors have been clarified regarding the preventive effects obtained by vaccines and their mechanisms of the action. Neutralizing antibodies against the S protein play an important role in the protective effects induced by commercial vaccines. It is possible that effects other than the neutralizing activity of cell-mediated immunity and humoral immunity also contribute to the preventive effect of vaccines, and these immune responses may affect the long-term persistence of vaccine efficacy and preventive effects against severe disease.





an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Ralph A. Tripp

Department of Infectious
Diseases, College of Veterinary
Medicine, University of Georgia,
Athens, GA 30602-7387, USA

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Vaccines (ISSN 2076-393X) has had a 6-year history of publishing peer-reviewed state of the art research that advances the knowledge of immunology in human disease protection. Immunotherapeutics, prophylactic vaccines, immunomodulators, adjuvants and the global differences in regulatory affairs are some of the highlights of the research published that have shaped global health. Our open access policy allows all researchers and interested parties to immediately scrutinize the rigorous evidence our publications have to offer. We are proud to present the work and perspectives of many to contribute to future decisions concerning human health.

Author Benefits

Open Access: free for readers, with **article processing charges (APC)** paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility: indexed within **Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.**

Journal Rank: JCR - Q1 (Immunology) / CiteScore - Q1 (Pharmacology (medical))

Contact Us

Vaccines Editorial Office
MDPI, St. Alban-Anlage 66
4052 Basel, Switzerland

Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
www.mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/vaccines
vaccines@mdpi.com